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THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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DR. HARRY WOODBURN CHASE, chairman of the faculty since the death of Dean Stacy, who assumed the duties of the office of president immediately following his election on Monday of Commencement week, is well known to the alumni who have attended the University during the past ten years and to the readers of *The Review* who have kept in close touch with the work of the University in recent years. Coming to the University in September, 1910, as professor of the Philosophy of Education, Dr. Chase immediately impressed the University community as a man of strength and quickly adjusted himself to the program of work in which the University was engaged. In 1914 the title of his professorship was changed to that of professor of Psychology, and upon the death of President Graham, he was appointed acting dean of the College of Liberal Arts. In January, upon the death of Dean Stacy, he was appointed chair-

man of the faculty, which position he filled so acceptably that the Trustees were convinced that they would find in him the proper successor to President Graham.

In coming to the presidency, Dr. Chase brings to his highly responsible office a sound scholarship and wide knowledge of educational technique. During his undergraduate days at Dartmouth College, Massachusetts (from which he graduated in 1904 and received his A.M. in 1908), he won the reputation of being a brilliant student. In 1910 he received the degree of Ph.D. from Clark University where he pursued graduate courses in Education and Philosophy for two years. In the fall of 1910 he became professor of Educational Psychology in the University and in that position and the later position of professor of Psychology, has been a constant student of educational and philosophical subjects. He has been a frequent contributor to educational and philosophical publica-

terested in the promotion of knowledge in these particular fields.

Fortunately for the University, President Chase has acquired a very definite conception of the institution whose leadership has been intrusted to him and of the service which North Carolina expects it to render. In addition to being a member of the general faculty, Dr. Chase has served with special effectiveness on the curriculum and Graduate School committees of the University, has come in close touch with the teachers of the State through service on the faculties of the School of Education and the Summer School, and through service with the Extension committee since its inception has visualized the educational scene in the North Carolina of today. As an investigator of the school systems of the State, as a lecturer in the Extension service of the University, and as a member of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly, he has

come to understand North Carolina and the high mission which the University is to fill in its life. And more recently, while serving as a member of the Students' Army Training Corps committee, as acting dean, and chairman of the faculty, he has been tested in the larger affairs of University administration with general satisfaction to his colleagues and the Trustees.

Likewise, President Chase is characterized by many qualities of mind and heart that augur well for the future. He is easily approached; his sympathies are broad and genuine; he grasps the essentials of matters quickly; he speaks with clarity and distinction; he is tactful in his dealings with members of the student body and faculty; and in the important administrative duties of his office has proven himself to be a thoughtful, judicious executive. In the community and church life at Chapel Hill he has been a positive force; and he enters upon his new office with



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